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Willing to take a hike?

City estimates $45 million in spending can be cut by finding efficiencies Final budget will be approved in November

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Calgarians will likely be taking a hit in the wallet over the next three years after council explored indicative hikes for property taxes and utility fees.

In discussing the plan for the 2012–2014 budget cycle yesterday, council set some tentative rates.

Utility bills for the average Calgarian will rise, after council accepted the recommendation to hike the water and waste-water fees up 9.8 per cent over each of the next three years.

"This is something we had to do," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi, citing the $1.4 billion in debt the utility has assumed from building a new water-treatment facility and upgrading others. "We've already incurred the debt, we had to build the water treatment plant … and I'm just simply not willing to put that debt on to our kids and grandkids."

While water fees will result in an $8-per-month increase on utility bills, homeowners will be paying $2 less for Blue Cart recycling, as officials recommended a decrease in that fee of nearly 19 per cent.

Council discussed the tax-rate hike into the evening and had yet to reach a decision by press time.

Ald. Gord Lowe suggested that rates rise 8.7 per cent in 2012 and 6 per cent in the following two years, while Nenshi suggested rates should rise by about 5 per cent.

Nenshi said council needs to set a lower indicative tax rate that will force the administration to find cuts.

"I think we have to be able to put ourselves in a position where we have to look for it."

Citizen gain

▶ Mayor Naheed Nenshi

- **The city recently** conducted an in-depth citizen engagement process that involved about 24,000 participants.
- **The majority said** they wanted the level of city services maintained.
- **Police, fire and transit** ranked among the highest priorities, according to the citizen survey.

Ball. Star

▶ Former major league baseball star Jose Canseco and the Yuma Scorpions take on the Calgary Vipers last night at Foothills Stadium.

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Canseco comes a-calling

The home-run hitter was in town as the player-/manager of the Scorpions. They lost 4-1 to the hometown Vipers in baseball action last night.

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▶ This car was hit attempting to turn off Stoney Trail N.W. yesterday.

Two in critical condition after crash

Two women were fighting for their lives in a Calgary hospital last night following a crash in the city's northwest. EMS spokesperson Stuart Brideaux said the two victims were passengers in a car that was T-boned by a truck while attempting to make a left-hand turn off Stoney Trail N.W. onto Nose Hill Dr. N.W. around 1 p.m. Speed and driver inattention are being investigated as possible factors, according to a release.

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Man takes stand in defence

A man accused of confining and assaulting a former girlfriend in Calgary took the stand in his own defence yesterday and denied the charges against him. Dustin Paxton told the court that he "hooked up" with the then-17-year-old a half dozen times, but said the teen was never officially his girlfriend and he was never violent toward her.

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TODD VAUGHAN/FOR METRO

▶ Mohsen Nejati is looking for answers regarding a $78,000 condo-repair bill he can't afford.

Developer defends condo construction

Province said Monday that stricter penalties ahead for sub-standard construction ◐ Tenants face range of payments from $60,000 to $100,000

TODD VAUGHAN
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Problems with a decade-old condo building aren't the result of construction, says the building's developer, insisting it's a case of faulty maintenance.

Seven Sevens Corp. built the Bella Vista condominiums on 17 Avenue and 14A Street S.W., where tenants are facing a multi-million-dollar repair bill. The company defends the building's construction.

Al Stajan, a spokesman for Seven Sevens, said the building received proper city-building approvals upon construction 10 years ago.

"The responsibility of the building goes to those who manage the property," Stajan said.

He added that he, too, is upset because he wants tenants to enjoy the homes the company builds.

Mohsen Nejati, a Bella Vista tenant, is facing foreclosure or bankruptcy over a $78,000 reassessment fee for building repairs. He has to pay it by fall.

"I lost my job. I sold my car. It would take me two years to save enough just for one of the $20,000 payment," he said.

MLA Kent Hehr said since the boom in 2000, there has been an increase of sub-standard builders.

"We cannot allow rogue contractors to build sub-par buildings and then avoid the consequences by changing their names," Hehr said.

Condo calamity

- Water leakage appears to be the main problem for tenants, the condo board treasurer told Metro.
- Legal action is being explored in this case.

1 news

Study finds Arctic ice melt is 30 years ahead of what many scientists had previously thought.

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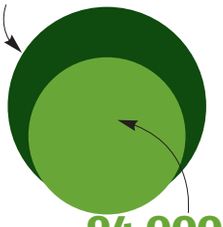

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94,000 WORK FOR LESS THAN A LIVING WAGE OR $12.25 PER HOUR PLUS BENEFITS.

Low income

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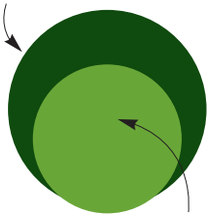


36%

36 PER CENT OF LOW-INCOME EARNERS ARE MEN.

Mother of two

70%

70 PER CENT OF A LOW-WAGE INCOME EARNED BY AN ALBERTA MOTHER OF TWO GOES TOWARDS FOOD AND SHELTER.

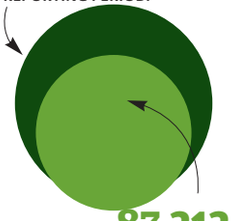
30%

30 PER CENT OF THE MOTHER'S MONEY IS LEFT TO COVER EVERYTHING ELSE.

Assistance

140,442

140,442 PEOPLE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM THE CALGARY INTER-FAITH FOOD BANK DURING THEIR 2009-10 REPORTING PERIOD.



87,212

87,212 PEOPLE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE DURING THE 2006-2007 REPORTING PERIOD.

SOURCE: VIBRANT COMMUNITIES CALGARY & CALGARY INTER-FAITH FOOD BANK

REFLECTING ON A MONTH OF HAND-TO-MOUTH

MINIMUM LIVING

JEREMY NOLAIS

One month filled with highs, lows, personal triumph and sacrifice.

My girlfriend Kelsey, who was with me every step of the way, equates the experience to a "culture shock" of sorts.

Living on minimum wage is not easy, but we never intended to preach about the pains of poverty or draw sympathy. Our situation was nowhere near as dire as those faced by 150,000 Calgarians every day.

Take Tiffany Simon's struggle, for example. The 25-year-old suffers from fibromyalgia and receives $1,050 per month through the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program — basically enough to cover rent and bills.

In an effort to put food on the table, Simon earned a server job at a neighbourhood pub; however, new management recently took over and she was let go.

Now without steady employment, Simon struggles to afford even the most basic necessities.

"It's very difficult," she said. "Things are so expensive."

Others like the Asinas family remain optimistic amid much adversity. The group of five recently moved to Calgary from the Philippines, but father Nel has yet to find work.

"There's plenty of openings, but nothing has called yet," he said.

Earlier this week, the family arrived two hours early in hopes of beating long lines for hampers from the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank.

Suddenly our month-long endeavour doesn't seem so bad.

Nevertheless, we hoped you will take something away from our experience and maybe put some of our newly discovered cost-cutting measures to good use.

Thanks for following along.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

▶ Tiffany Simon is just one of Calgary's many faces of poverty.

By the numbers

$3.20

Barring any last-minute expenses, my girlfriend Kelsey and I finished the Minimum Living project with $3.20 to spare.

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Collectively, Kelsey and I gained seven pounds living off a diet chock full of sodium and carbohydrates. Some of our more common delicacies included no-name-brand French fries, $1 pasta sidekicks and various types of stew.

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About 31 per cent of all the money we earned went towards rent, officially putting us below the poverty line. Adding in credit cards and loan payments, cellphone bills, car insurance costs and other expenses left us with about $120 apiece per week for food, gas and any every other expense confronted in everyday life.

8,700

We ingested nearly 8,700 milligrams of sodium over the course of 10 days after buying seven $1 turkey pot pies from the grocery store. Each pie accounted for 52 per cent of my daily maximum sodium intake.

How Metro readers save money

@Sparkkicat on grocery shopping:
As mom of four I learned — buy fresh everything. You get more at the check out (volume), spend less and avoid overpriced can/box.

Katya on stretching food:
It's a lot better in terms of budgeting to make a meal plan ahead of time and prepare enough of a dish to last three meals. (Supper one day, lunch the next, supper the next). It stretches the ingredients further, and making a meal plan means you'll only buy what you need to.

John Bardos on hair care:
Shave your head. I haven't had a haircut in 15 years.

Carley on decorating:
Re-use and re-purpose are the best ways to decorate, and having a crafty hand is also very helpful, oh and having parents that don't want their old stuff also helps a lot!

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How would you spend $20 in fun money?

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Curtis White

"Go with friends to a movie on Tuesday cheap Night."

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Jenevieve Guyn

"Yardhouse has 100 wings for $14 bucks on Wednesday nights."

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Heidi Konnert

"The outdoor pool is always fun and cheap."

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Don Sandeman

"Buy a case of lucky beer."

Our favourite cheap finds

- **Barbershop for a trim:** Barbershop for a trim: M.C. College or DelMar College.
- **Cheap beer:** Co-op Gold Premium Lager.
- **Buying groceries:** Walmart.
- **Date spot:** Prince's Island Park.
- **Eating for cheap:** IKEA for breakfast.
- **Fast food deal:** 5 Taco Bell tacos for $3.99 (if you can handle it).
- **Online spot to find furniture:** Facebook.
- **Pub food:** 3 cent Rib Madness Wednesdays at Donegal Irish Pub.
- **Stock your wardrobe:** Value Village

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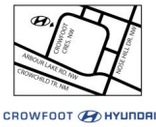

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Trustees approve public school budget

Draft being sent to province covers near $62-million shortfall Hundreds of teaching positions will be lost

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▶ Pat Cochrane

Framed as a debate over values, public school board trustees knocked down two amendments and approved the original operating budget for the upcoming school year last night.

The proposals, put forth by trustees Carol Bazinet and Sheila Taylor, varied greatly in their impact, according to Calgary Board of Education administration.

One asked to remove $2.4 million from administrative funds and redirect it to schools — a move chief superintendent Naomi Johnson said would fundamentally decentralize the system's present model.

Board chair Pat Cochrane was not in favour of the move.

"It's not something we generally do: tell administration how to model itself," she said.

The second amendment, described as "symbolic," asked trustees to cancel a $47,000 increase to their budget.

Both moves were rejected. Taylor and Bazinet voted against the budget in turn, but the other five trustees pushed it through.

"I didn't feel the public had been involved as much as they should have been and I didn't feel that we had a long-term plan," Bazinet said of her decision.

Edmonton's public board does use a more decentralized model, whereby individual schools are handed more money but required to purchase support services.

Wicked. Set

▶ Workers set the stage yesterday at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium for the Broadway blockbuster Wicked, which opens in Calgary tomorrow.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Untold story to be sung in Calgary

Performances will run through July 17 and tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster. Wicked is in its eighth year on Broadway, and has grossed over $2.2 billion worldwide.

Candle caused explosion: Police

Calgary police have concluded an explosion in the northeast Monday occurred after a candle was left too close to some small aerosol containers.

Police had originally determined the fire in the 2300 block of 56 St. N.E. to be suspicious, but criminal charges have now been ruled out. METRO

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Canada Post dispute a boon for e-billing

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▶A locked-out Canada Post employee pickets outside the main postal facility in Halifax on Saturday amid rotating strikes across the country.

Shaw reports 10 times the amount of e-bill subscribers during postal strike Canada Post looking to rebuild customer relationships

Michael Smith doesn't need paper bills.

"I pay them online before they ever arrive. They get shredded upon deliverance," he said.

Smith is part of the growing trend of citizens who pay their bills online. According to big businesses around Calgary, the postal strike only helped those numbers grow.

Ian Todd of Enmax said he's seen a dramatic increase in electronic billing.

"We have seen over 5,000 new e-bill subscribers since the beginning of the strike, and the media exposure of the strike has seen the number continue to spike," he said.

Chris Gerritsen of Telus said that almost half of Telus subscribers were already using e-billing but the situation with Canada Post has almost surely increased subscribers.

Canada Post spokesman John Caines said the national letter carrier will recover.

"We are concerned about the lost business but we are looking to rebuild our relationship with our customers, and hopefully they choose our e-bill service in place of our competitors," he said.

Postal workers were ordered back to work by Parliament earlier this week and are now working on the backlog of mail from the start of the work stoppage.

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Battle after Kabul hotel bombing

Four massive explosions rocked the hotel Violence up in Kabul since killing of Osama bin Laden

NATO helicopters fired rockets at gunmen on the rooftop of a besieged Kabul hotel early yesterday, ending a more than four-hour standoff between militants and police that left at least seven dead and eight others wounded, Afghan officials said.

Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said six suicide bombers attacked the Intercontinental Hotel frequented by Afghan officials and foreign visitors. He said two were killed by hotel guards at the beginning of the attack and four others either blew themselves up or were killed in the airstrike or by Afghan security forces.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the rare, nighttime attack in the capital — an apparent attempt to show that they remain potent despite heavy pressure from coalition and Afghan security forces.

The attackers were heavily armed with machine-guns, anti-aircraft weapons, rocket-propelled grenades, hand grenades and grenade launchers, the Afghan officials said. Afghan police rushed to the scene and firefights broke out. They battled for hours with gunmen who were on the roof.

Some Afghan provincial officials were among the 60 to 70 guests staying at the hotel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ This video image shows Afghan police vehicles near the Intercontinental Hotel in Kabul yesterday following an attack on the hotel by six suicide bombers.

15-year-old drove van that struck officer

A Toronto-area police officer was dragged 300 metres to his death yesterday by the 15-year-old driver of a minivan, police say.

York Regional police Chief Eric Jolliffe says Const. Garrett Styles stopped a van carrying four young people at about 5 a.m. in the town of East Gwillimbury.

The 32-year-old officer was at the driver's door when the van accelerated, dragging him nearly a third of a kilometre before rolling over and pinning Styles, Jolliffe said.

Firefighters were able to free the officer from the vehicle but he died about an hour later in hospital. "A tragedy for us, his family and the community," Jolliffe said.

The teen driver from Toronto's York Region, who can't be named because he is underage, is in hospital with serious injuries. The other passengers, also youths, are co-operating with police.

Styles was married with a two-year-old daughter and nine-week-old son. He was to turn 33 on Sunday. His wife Melissa has a civilian job with York Regional Police. His father, Gary, is a recent retiree from the force. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ York Regional police Chief Eric Jolliffe addresses a news conference about the death of Const. Garrett Styles, shown in a photo beside him.

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▶ Bristol Palin

Not rape, says Palin

Politician's daughter responds amid controversy over new memoir

Bristol Palin, who describes her virginity being "stolen" from her in her new memoir, is denying she was raped by Levi Johnston.

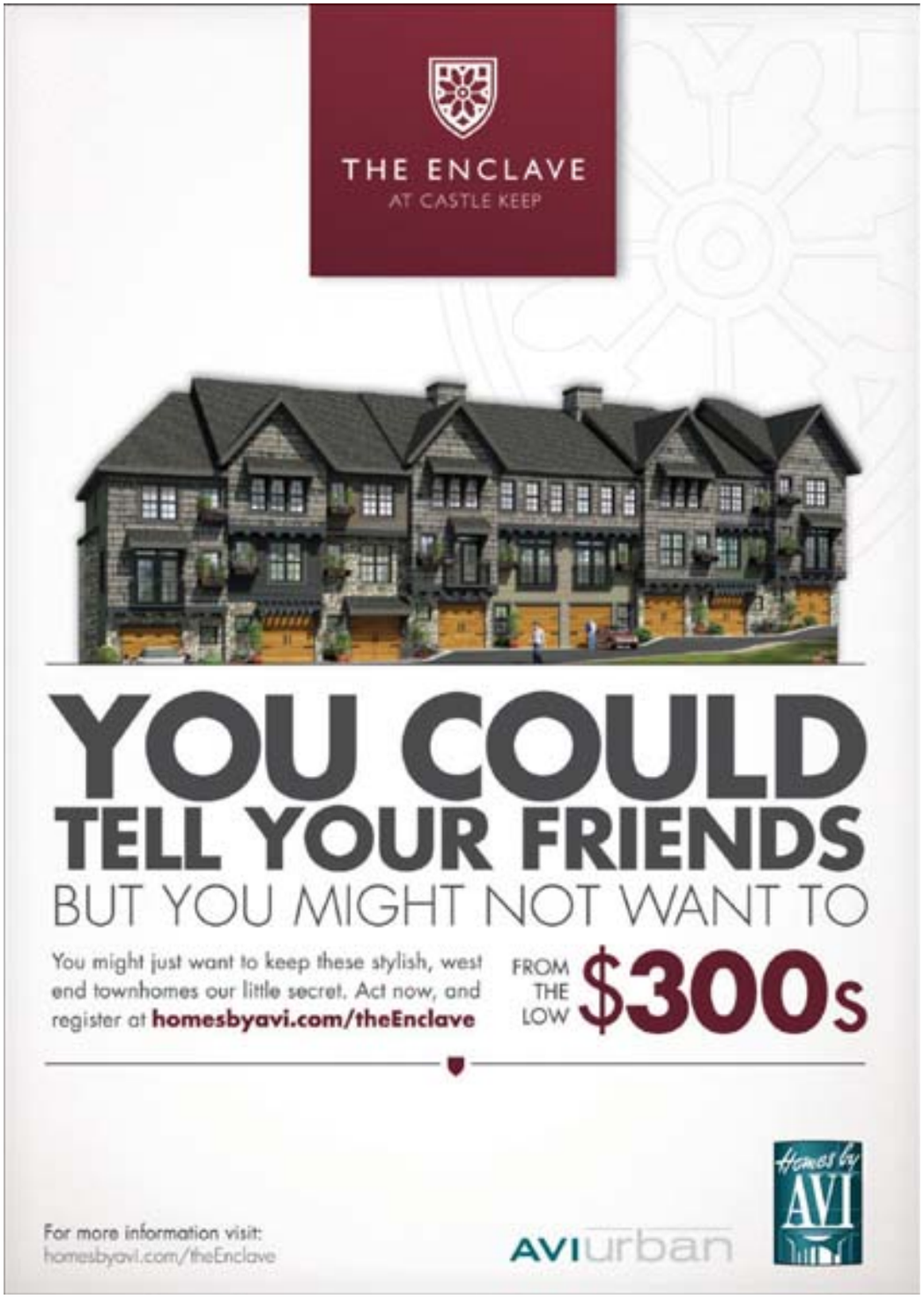
"I'm not accusing Levi of date rape or rape at all," she told Good Morning America's Robin Roberts Monday.

"I am just looking back with the adult eyes I have now and thinking that was a foolish decision. I should have never been underage drinking and I should have never gotten myself into a situation like that.

"I wondered why it was called 'losing your virginity,' because it felt more like (mine) had been stolen," Palin writes about the night she lost her virginity in her new autobiography, Not Afraid of My Life: My Journey So Far. The events leading up to Palin's realization that she had sex with Johnston have led many to question whether she was raped by him.

Palin opens the book with the events of that night. She told her mother she was going to a friend's house, when really she was going camping with Johnston and some friends.

"I never drank — in fact, I knew nothing about anything bad," Palin writes. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**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China. Anniversary

▶ Dancers perform during a gala show to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China in the Great Hall of the People yesterday in Beijing, China.

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Still holding strong

Celebrations in China this year will mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of its communist party.

Interesting, or else just plain eerie?

The latest Newsweek cover contains a ghostly sight: a computer-generated image of a stylish Princess Diana, as she might look now, walking with Kate Middleton.

The article inside was written by Diana biographer and longtime provocateur Tina Brown. She's also Newsweek's editor-in-chief, having taken over after her online publication, the Daily Beast, merged late last year with the decades-old publication.

"What would she have been like?" Brown writes of Diana, who would have turned 50 on Friday, nearly 14 years after her death in a Paris car crash. "Still great-looking: that's a given."

The magazine's new issue also features an imagined Diana Facebook page and a slideshow comparing the fashion styles of Diana and Middleton, who married Diana's oldest child, Prince William, in April.

"We wanted to bring the memory of Diana alive in a vivid image that transcends time and reflects my piece," Brown said in a statement yesterday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Survivor. Support

▶ Annie Gordon, 76, a survivor of residential schools, hugs a fellow cultural support worker at the opening ceremonies of the Truth and Reconciliation Council for residential school survivors in Inuvik, N.W.T., yesterday.

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Residential-school experiences sought

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission is a federally funded body that is travelling across Canada to collect the experiences of First Nations people who were forced to attend residential schools. Roughly 150,000 children attended residential schools in Canada, which were often church-run and existed from the late 1800s throughout most of the 20th century.

Accused questions woman's motives

Romeo Cormier occasionally stood during second day of testimony in an attempt to demonstrate actions

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▶ Romeo Cormier

A man charged with kidnapping a New Brunswick woman last year and keeping her captive in his home for almost a month says she had opportunities to turn his weapons against him — but did not because she wanted to be with him.

On his second day of testimony, Romeo Cormier told the jury in Moncton, N.B., yesterday that there were hammers, swords, knives, scissors and a gun in his one-room basement apartment.

"What stopped her from hitting me in the head when I was sleeping?" Cormier told the Court of Queen's Bench.

Cormier said he even showed the woman how to use his .22-calibre handgun.

"What stopped her from popping me in the head?" he said.

The defence asked Cormier why he had a gun.

"Anyone in the room can tell I'm not an altar boy," Cormier replied.

"Of course I carry a gun to protect myself."

Cormier, 63, testified that an orange-handled hunting knife was always in view and accessible to the woman.

The 55-year-old woman — whose identity is protected by a publication ban — testified last week that Cormier kept an orange-handled knife in plain view. She said she didn't dare try grabbing it because she felt she would be overpowered by him.

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Saw used to free boy stuck in crevice

A five-year-old boy who fell into a crevice while playing hide-and-seek has been freed by Chinese rescuers who used a saw and sledgehammer to break through a wall.

China Central Television showed a helmeted rescuer chipping into a wall while the crying boy held up a sheet to protect his face from flying rubble.

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News interview sparks outrage

A Canadian broadcast watchdog says it has received a record-setting number of complaints from viewers about a recent Sun News TV interview.

Canadian Broadcast Standards Council national chairman Ron Cohen says his organization has received more than 4,100 complaints about a June 1 interview between host Krista Erickson and Quebec-born dancer Margie Gillis.

"It's the most individual complaints we've received about a single incident."

During the interview in question, Erickson quizzed Gillis about whether it was appropriate that she receive government grants to support her dance work.

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Flaherty makes no guarantees

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▶ Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, right, receives a pair of running shoes from Peter Soumalias, the founding director of Canada's Walk of Fame, during a press announcement for this year's inductees in Toronto yesterday.

Federal funding for arts groups not a sure thing, minister says

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has a warning for cultural institutions that have come to rely on regular government funding: Don't count on it.

Flaherty delivered the message yesterday shortly after announcing $500,000 in support for this year's Canada Walk of Fame Festival, to be held in Toronto.

On Monday, SummerWorks, an acclaimed Toronto indie theatre festival, announced it had lost its federal funding.

But Flaherty says arts organizations should not set their budgets assuming they'll get government funds.

"There's lots of competition, lots of other festivals, and there are new ideas that come along.

"So it's a good idea for everyone to not make that assumption."

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Greeks rage over cuts

Rioting in Athens leaves 46 injured, at least 14 arrested

A general strike disrupted services across Greece and riots erupted once more outside parliament in Athens yesterday as demonstrators protested more taxes and spending cuts essential for the country to receive bailout funds that will prevent a potentially disastrous default.

Inside parliament, lawmakers debated new austerity measures that must be passed this week if Greece's creditors are to release the next 12 billion euros of the country's 110-billion-euro bailout — and prevent a default that could drag down European banks and shake the European and world economy.

But the measures, which include spending cuts and tax hikes, have caused widespread outrage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A protester braves tear gas during a demonstration in Athens yesterday. Parliament is debating a new round of austerity measures, but many Greeks insist they should not be forced to pay for a crisis they believe politicians created.

It's getting warmer by the day: Scientists

The world's climate is not only continuing to warm, it is also adding heat-trapping greenhouse gases even faster than in the past, researchers said yesterday.

"The indicators show unequivocally that the world continues to warm," Thomas R. Karl, director of the U.S. National Climatic Data Center, said in releasing the annual State of the Climate report for 2010.

The report lists 2010 as tied with 2005 for the warmest year on record, according to studies by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NASA. A separate analysis, done in Britain, lists 2010 as second warmest.

The warmer conditions are consistent with events such as heat waves and extreme rainfall, Karl said. However, it is difficult to make a direct connection with some forms of extreme weather such as tornado outbreaks, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2.60

Carbon dioxide increased by 2.60 parts per million in the atmosphere in 2010, which is more than the average annual increase seen from 1980 to 2010. Carbon dioxide is the major greenhouse gas that scientists blame for warming the climate.

Young 'illegals' come out in Atlanta

Six young illegal immigrants were arrested yesterday in Atlanta after they sat down and blocked traffic near the Georgia state capitol to publicly declare their status and to protest state policies barring universities and colleges from accepting them as students. The event was the latest in a string of "coming out" protests in the U.S. Many of the activists hold out hope for the DREAM Act, legislation that would provide a path to legalization for certain young people brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

WWI soldier identified

OTTAWA. Defence Department officials have identified the remains of a First World War soldier found in France in 2008 as those of Pte. Alexander Johnston of Hamilton, Ont. Johnston was killed in Raillencourt Saint-Olle on Sept. 29, 1918, less than two months before the armistice. Authorities have notified members of Johnston's family, who will attend a burial service with full military honours at Le Cantimpre Canadian Cemetery in Sailly, France, in October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Google faces new lawsuit

French Internet search engine accuses it of 'blacklisting' its sites

Google is staring down a new legal challenge in Europe after French Internet company 1plusV filed a $411-million lawsuit yesterday saying the search engine unfairly squeezed out competitors in France.

The suit comes soon after the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and European regulators started investigating claims that Google has abused its dominance of the Internet and advertising to stifle competition.

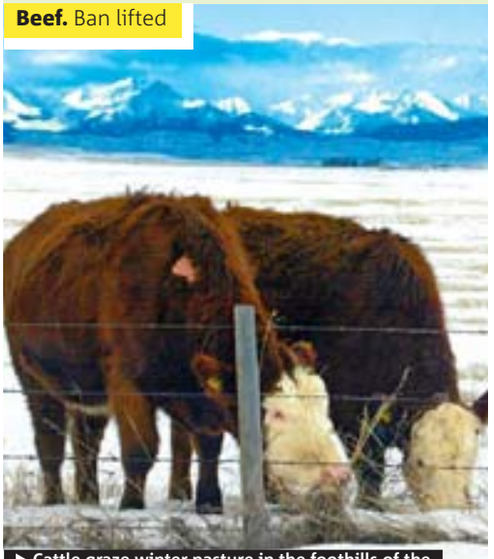
1plusV, based in Versailles, operates more than 30 specialty search engines in French. The company says it became impossible for users to find its sites via Google searches, and claims that Google did this intentionally. This kind of "blacklisting" deprived the 1plusV sites of advertising revenue, the company argues.

1plusV is one of several companies that have complained to the European Commission about Google's practices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Group session

- **Google is taking another** stab at social networking with a project it calls Google+.
- **A feature called Circles** lets users share things with different groups of friends, colleagues and relatives.
- **Facebook has a similar** feature called Groups.

Beef. Ban lifted



▶ Cattle graze winter pasture in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies near Longview, Alta.

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A fortune at steak

South Korea will resume imports of Canadian beef, lifting an eight-year ban imposed over fears of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, which ravaged the industry nearly a decade ago. South Korea was the last major Asian country to end the ban.

Bidder emerges for sinking MySpace

News Corp. has put its struggling social network site MySpace on the block. A source said the company is looking to cut a deal this week, and ad-targeting firm Specific Media has emerged as a front-runner in the bidding. The deal would be worth up to $40 million US, and MySpace will shed more than half of its staff of 500, the source said.

News Corp. paid $580 million US for the site in 2005, but its business deteriorated as rival Facebook took off.

Specific Media was founded in 1999 by brothers Tim, Chris and Russell Vanderhook. It helps marketers buy digital ads across the web, online video, smartphones, computer tablets and television. Based in Irvine, Calif., it ranks among the largest online advertising networks in the United States, reaching 170.9 million unique U.S. visitors in May, or about 79 per cent of the U.S. Internet users, according to comScore Inc.

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Lagarde chosen as IMF chief

French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde has been appointed to lead the International Monetary Fund. She becomes the first female managing director of the global lending organization.

Lagarde's selection was all but assured when the Obama administration endorsed her yesterday. Hours later, the IMF's 24-member board voted to appoint her to the position. She had also won support from Europe, China and Russia.

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▶ Lagarde is the first woman to head the IMF.

Lagarde takes over at a tumultuous time. Europe's debt crisis is intensifying. Emerging nations want a greater voice at the IMF. And the organization's reputation has been tarred by a scandal involving Dominique Strauss-Kahn, whom she replaces.

Strauss-Kahn resigned last month after being charged with sexually assaulting a New York City hotel housekeeper.

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What's with women's shoes?

Women everywhere are squeezing their feet into what can only be described as bondage booties and wobbling across the intersection of Toronto's Bloor and Yonge or Vancouver's Robson and Thurlow with a determined gait reminiscent of Mistress Paddywhack.

Apparently, the small cadre of sadists (masochists?) who rule the fashion world have determined that bondage chic has replaced heroin chic, and now otherwise sane females look as if their feet have been captured by aliens.

Wherever I look, women's shoes have morphed into something Darth Vader would wear if he were into cross-dressing. ("I am your motha, Luke.") Even the fashion blogs have trouble describing them: "Nine West collections this autumn/winter are truly something many will lack words to describe."

You've got that right unless you're willing to come clean and admit that bondage is the basis for this bold design trend. One blog, written by the superbly named Tania Braukämper, takes the wraps off the whole sordid affair: "Like so many other things that were only recently considered too sexually charged to see the light of day, in a few short years the leather harness has infiltrated the realms of what we consider fashionable."

"Wherever I look, women's shoes have morphed into something Darth Vader would wear if he were into cross-dressing."

Wait a minute. Did she say leather harness? Yes, she did, and her post is accompanied by a photo of a young woman in various states of extreme bondage to match her shoes. She appears to be 17 feet tall on account of her 12-foot spike heels.

According to Braukämper, when bondage and fetish fashion first hit our trend radars back in 2009 (so long ago) it was all bodycon, leather, studs and chains. "But it's progressed. It's moved on." To leather harnesses. How long will it be before any self-respecting personal assistant won't be caught dead on the subway without her whip? Accessorize!

Maybe I'm making too much of this, but after watching these poor, trussed-up wretches wobble across the street, I feel compelled to speak out: Women of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your bodycon, leather, studs and chains (not to mention your harnesses)! Strike a blow for sensible shoes!

I remember a generation of women who fought for equal rights and equal pay, for control over their own bodies and their own place in the sun. But did the struggle include the right to orthopedic surgery? I guess so.

Meanwhile, I wonder what Ms. Fashionista sees when she gets dressed to go to work in her bondage kit? Probably only a secret code that says I buy all my shoes in New York/Paris/London. And you don't.

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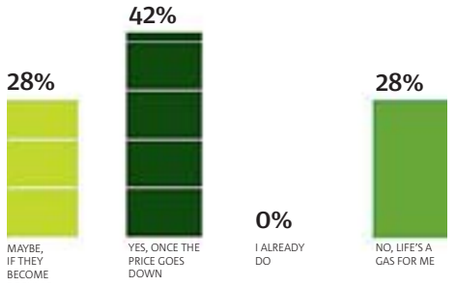

Local tweets

- **@calgarycyclist:** The new riverwalk in #yyc is an awesome ride.
- **@jwstauth:** What's with stores closing at 6? People get off work at 5? Not possible. #yyc
- **@drphil79:** Waiting to welcome my niece to Calgary for the stampede this year. Best place in the world to be July 8th to 18th!!
- **@alderaphobia:** How is it possible that the entire walk from downtown #yyc to my house in Albert Park seems completely uphill? Groan. #fb
- **@MsjodyM:** It's WARM! Perfect night for lemonade with bruised cucumber pieces! YUM How are you keepin chilled #yyc?
- **@DarrenBnYYC:** I witnessed a horrific car accident at Stoney & Nosehill in NW #YYC today. Glad all lived (2 women were in very bad shape).
- **@mel_cb:** Come on yyc radio. PSA for syphilis, ad for a new sex store and an ad for breast implants promo all in a row. Society's downfall.
- **@sexyinyyc:** If proposed tax hikes get passed, I think we will be seeing a significant number of fresh faces on #yyccc after the next election. :/

Worth mentioning

BEIJING. China has counted its 1.34 billion people; now it's the pandas' turn.

After conducting a census of its human population last year, China is about to start a once-a-decade count of giant pandas in the wild.

The official China Daily reported more than 60 trackers were trained at Wanglang National Reserve in the southwestern province of Sichuan, which is believed to have the largest number of wild pandas in China.

They will collect droppings for DNA analysis, which will allow zoologists to track individual pandas and accurately estimate the population, Chen Youping, director of the reserve's administrative bureau, was quoted as saying by Xinhua News Agency.

The census is also expected to reveal more on living conditions, age structure and changes of habitat of the endangered species.

The last census counted 1,596 wild pandas in China, 1,206 of which were living in Sichuan.

Wild pandas are threatened by a loss of habitat, poaching and for being poor breeders.

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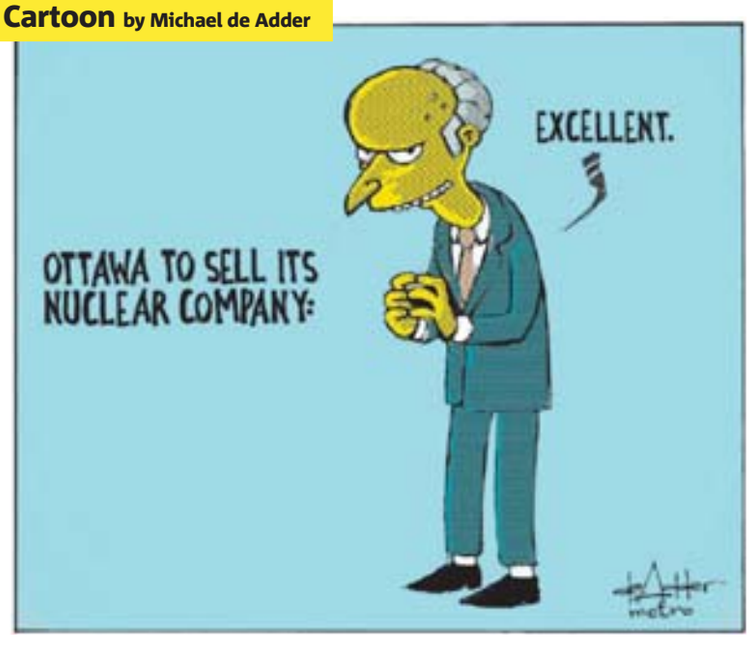
Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

What rhymes with red light, green light?

A rapper is awaiting word on whether he will face charges after staging a performance in New York City's Times Square from atop a traffic light pole.

The spectacle stopped traffic for hours at the end of the morning rush hour while police negotiated with the man.

Onlookers clicked photos and cheered. Police set up a cushion under the pole for fear he would jump.

The man agreed to come down on a police ladder. He was taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Witnesses say the man was trying to hand out his own CDs in a store but was kicked out. That's when he climbed the pole.

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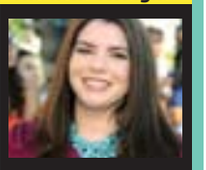

Twilight author Stephenie Meyer's next big-screen project has a release date. Distributor Open Road Films announced Monday that the movie adaptation of Meyer's apocalyptic sci-fi novel The Host will arrive in theatres March 29, 2013. The Host is Meyer's follow-up to her bestselling Twilight series.

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Double duty for Callie Thorne in her new series, Necessary Roughness and, soon, Rescue Me

Movie review

Transformers: Dark of the Moon
Genre: Action/ Sci-Fi
Director: Michael Bay
Stars: Shia LaBeouf, Rosie Huntington-Whiteley and Tyrese Gibson

Set three years after the last Transformers movie Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf) has an Ivy League education under his belt and a new girl on his arm.

A new job for a multinational company places Sam, once again, smack dab in the middle of a showdown between the nasty Decepticons and the heroic Autobots. The former are the bad guys, the latter are the white hats, other than that, you're on your own. There's a lot going on here, including an ulterior motive for JFK's space race, Chernobyl and an almost Shakespearean double cross.

Director Michael Bay has never been known for his restraint and in the past his overblown ascetic has gotten in the way of his storytelling. This time out he reigns in the story and choreographs the battle scenes so the clashing robots are no longer just blurs of glinting metal but clearly defined warriors.

By amping up the action and playing down the story Bay delivers the best Transformers yet.

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4 set-in-Canada films

Whether it's Maritimers taking on T.O. or a dying man staring at the world's biggest hockey stick, these movies take Cancon to a whole new level

Goin' Down the Road (1970)

The story of Pete (Doug McGrath) and his pal Joey (Paul Bradley), two Maritimers who set out in a Chevy to find a better life in Toronto, (SCTV joked they were looking for "lawyerin' and doctorin' jobs") is a Canadian time capsule circa 1970.

One Week (2008)

The story of a dying man on a road trip is a love letter to Canada, showcasing landmarks — like the world's biggest hockey stick — but its heartfelt story should appeal to everyone, whether they have the Queen on their money or someone else's mug.

Jesus of Montreal (1989)

Not only does Saint Joseph's Oratory represent Montreal in the game Monopoly: Here and New: The World Edition, it also provides a beautiful; backdrop for this classic Canadian film from acclaimed director Denys Arcand.

waydowntown (2000)

This satire of office life and urban living showcases Calgary's underground web of connecting tunnels. You don't see much of the above ground life, but it gives you a glimpse of a little seen aspect of Albertan big city life.

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Talking points

Aniston dishing out the advice

RELATIONSHIP COLUMN? With so much attention on her love life, it's no surprise Jennifer Aniston also gets asked a lot for relationship advice — and she's now happy to oblige, apparently.

"You need to talk to each other and you have to say what you want. You don't confront your man about things which you're not happy about, you approach it in a much more constructive way," she tells new! magazine. "You never want to be in an adversarial situation where it's you versus him. All couples face those kinds of difficulties."

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Celebrity tweets

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"I had 1 hour of free time today. Wasn't sure if I shd surf or write. I surfed and saw a ballpoint pen floating in the water. SWEAR TO GOD."

@JonahHill

"Bruce Jenner is the least famous of the Kardashians but the irony is that he is the only one with a talent of any kind that deserves fame."

LaBeouf struggles with a public image

Transformers star admits it's not always easy being in the spotlight glare

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Shia LaBeouf admits he doesn't have the best public image in Hollywood, but he just can't help being himself, the Transformers star tells Details magazine.

"I would like to be George Clooney — diplomatic. I just don't have the wherewithal yet or the inner serenity," he says.

"My bulls— meter is tuned very sensitive. The minute it starts kicking up, I get back to truth, and sometimes that involves, you know, 'I don't want to take a picture.' And if that's the case, am I an a-hole for being honest? Or am I an a—hole for being dishonest, smiling in your picture and I f—king hate being there? Which one is worse? These are the questions I ask myself that George Clooney doesn't ask."

Transformers 3, which will be available in 3-D, is being released in theatres today.

The first two films were some of the highest grossing of their respective years.

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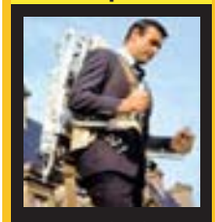

Visitors to the Florida Keys can now pretend to be, and actually fly like, James Bond, thanks to a new water-sport. Participants strap on a flight pack that looks like the one actor Sean Connery wore in Thunderball. Jetpack Adventures charges $249 US for the 1.5-hour experience, which includes half an hour in flight.
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Honouring Canada's athletes

Canada's Sports Hall of Fame opens July 1 in Calgary • Features hundreds of pieces of sports memorabilia from a Formula One race car to Terry Fox's iconic running shoe

Shadow-boxing with Lennox Lewis, wheelchair-racing against Chantal Petitclerc and re-living Jacques Villeneuve's championship Formula One season are just some of the interactive attractions at Canada's new Sports Hall of Fame.

Canada's sports shrine opens Friday in Calgary for a few hours for a free public preview before its official opening Saturday.

Once located on Toronto's Exhibition grounds, the Hall only existed online and in boxes in recent years as a search was conducted for a new home.

The 4,085-square-metre building houses a 120-seat theatre, 50 interactive displays and more than 1,000 artifacts. From the outside, part of the building looks like a tilted red Lego block.

Eleven galleries open onto, and are connected to, a central main hall, which has a statue of Wayne Gretzky stationed at its entrance. The main hall also features a photo-wall of honoured members.

There's an intimate feeling to the space, despite its size. Given the Hall's proximity to the new Athletic and Ice Complex under construction at COP and all the national teams training there, the interior was designed to feel like a sports clubhouse.

"Sport has always needed a place to come together," said the Hall's CEO Claire Buffone-Blair. "We feel Canada's Sports Hall of Fame can be that clubhouse for Canadian sport."

Permanent statues in the Hall include Gretzky, diver Sylvie Bernier, figure skater Barbara Ann Scott, curler Sandra Schmirler, runner Philip Edwards, Kentucky Derby winner Northern Dancer and cross-country skiing pioneer Herman (Jackrabbit) Smith-Johannsen, who lived to 111.

Alex Baumann's two Olympic gold medals in swimming had rarely been out of his safe until they were put under glass in the hall. Baumann says while the medals were locked away, his children saw them only once.

"I always had duplicates to travel with because I didn't want to lose them. I never pulled them out ... It's much better to be displayed here."

Michelle Cameron's Olympic gold medal in synchronized swimming — she and Carolyn Waldo won the duet in 1988 — is there along with one of her swimsuits.

"It does give me goose bumps seeing it here," Cameron said. "It's a little bit emotional actually. To have it here among the greatest athletes Canada has seen, it's pretty cool for it to be in a home like this."

Former Crazy Canuck Ken Read noted how beat up his ski helmet looked in a display that included his boots and gloves.

"It kind of shows a little bit of age because it's nearly 30-plus years old," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ A statue of Wayne Gretzky welcomes visitors to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in Calgary.

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▶ The T-shirt worn by Canadian icon Terry Fox lies in a display case next to the shoe he dipped in the Atlantic ocean before starting his cross-country run.

Inductees

- **This year's inductees** will be hockey player Ray Bourque, football player Lui Passaglia, Paralympian Lauren Woolstencroft, triathlete Peter Reid, soccer player Andrea Neil and International Olympic Committee member Dick Pound.
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Bliss is easy to find in the West Kootenay region of British Columbia, with its waterfalls, mineral hot springs and roads that twist their way through glacier-carved valleys.

There are no freeways here. Just two-lane rural highways connecting tiny lakeside towns separated by forest-covered mountains. In a car, a trip along these roads is awe-inspiring. On a motorcycle, it's mind-altering.

Bliss comes atop an 11-year-old Suzuki Intruder VS800, somewhere along Highway 31A between the former mining towns of New Denver and Kaslo. The tight S-curves winding their way up the cedar-filled slope demand a rider's full attention, clearing the mind of its anxieties.

Seaton Creek rushes by on the right, muffling the engine rumbling between the knees. Accelerate out of a turn, there's a deer grazing ahead. A few curves later, there's a black bear lounging on the grass next to the road.

The encounters are tonic for an urbanized soul.

This area is home to some of B.C.'s best motorcycling roads. The challenges and thrills they deliver even put them in a league with California's more renowned Pacific Coast Highway, but with a lot less traffic.

As a result, riders in the know flock here on their Harleys, BMWs and other two-wheeled delights. The region's largest town, Nelson, is 660 kilometres east of Vancouver and 620 kilometres southwest of Calgary, making it a doable long-weekend trek from either city.

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▶ The West Kootenay region of British Columbia offers motorcyclists not only great roads but fantastic scenery that will have you pulling over to take it all in.

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▶ A view of Kootenay Lake by the town of Kaslo, B.C.

The area is well set-up to deal with the influx of motorbikes. As the region's once-thriving mining and logging industries collapsed, communities turned to tourism and a host of travel-related businesses cater to the needs of visiting riders.

Businesses like the quirky Toad Rock Motorcycle Campground, located just up the road from the Balfour Ferry Terminal, where you catch the free Kootenay Lake Ferry connecting West and East Kootenay.

The campground is run by 58-year-old Mary Laird, a self-described "old hippie" with long silver locks.

Toad Rock has five rustic cabins and lots of tent space. Even if you arrive late at night without a reservation, Laird will find you somewhere to stay. The campground also has hot showers, laundry facilities and a pavilion where guests gather to socialize and swap road tales.

Don't like sleeping in a tent or bunking in a cabin? Don't panic. The area has plenty of motels and hotels choices.

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If you go...

- **Toad Rock Motorcycle Campground:** Tent camping $12/night/person. Cabins $25/night/person. toadrockcampground.com
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Facebook and Twitter
Once you post information online, it is no longer private. Consider whether comments you make at the workplace would merit discipline. If so, the fact those comments are virtual makes no difference. Also, beware of the status update. In one recent case where an employee took time off to mourn the death of a friend but then posted that he was "in the City and ready to party," his employer fired him for dishonesty. Can you blame them?

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I am often asked whether it is "legal" for a former employer to provide a negative reference. Generally, the answer is yes. As long as an opinion is honestly provided, the individual providing it cannot be successfully sued, even if you disagree with what was said. Further, when you provide the name of a reference to a prospective employer, you implicitly provide permission to contact him or her.

Surveillance
There is generally no "right" to privacy in the workplace, although there are exceptions. Surveillance evidence, for example, can only be used if there is a reasonable basis to justify it, such as employee theft, and after appropriate warnings. In a recent Ontario case, the court found that a hidden camera secretly installed in a manager's office had no basis to be there and awarded an employee severance even though she had resigned.

Workplace computers
While there is no right to privacy in personal information held in employer's computers, an appellate court recently concluded that information within personal computers used for work does not belong to your employer. Although the distinction seems subtle, this ruling could extend to personal BlackBerrys and cellphones, meaning that whoever owns the device owns all of the contents, regardless of what it is used for.

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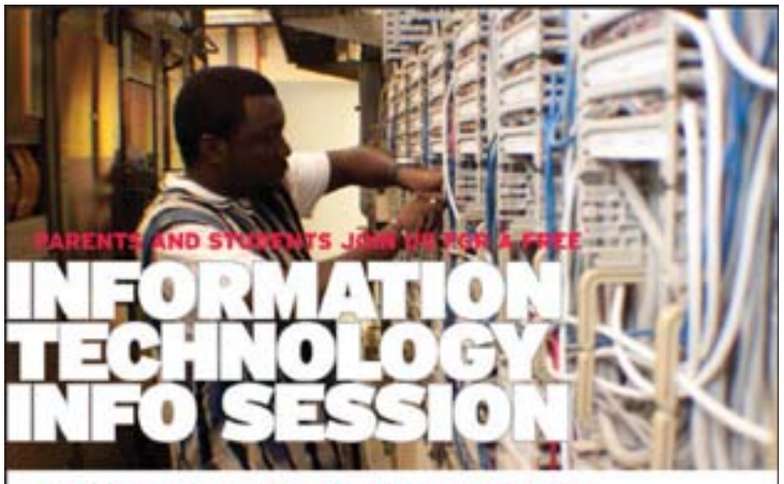

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Benefit from a personal brand

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Pursuing a post-graduate education was always in the cards for me. I knew I needed more than your average BA in today's competitive job market.

What I didn't know, however, was how important it was to craft a personal brand as part of the job hunt.

When I graduated from York University, I had a single internship under my belt. I was working on search engine optimization and social media at a Toronto museum, receiving credits for a fourth year course. I'd like to think I was hired based on my experience as a cast member at Walt Disney World, making dreams come true and practicing great customer service.

On graduation day, with my degree in hand, I was offered a summer internship at Canada Helps, a dynamic charitable foundation based in Toronto. This time I'd like to think I was hired for my SEO and social media savvy, highlighting the skills I had developed at the museum.

SUBMITTED

▶ Chris Dionne believes post-secondary schools should place a greater emphasis on helping future graduates develop unique and impressive online personalities.

Now I was beginning to connect the dots in my career path. I understood the importance of leveraging the value of past work experiences to receive new opportunities. My experience with the Walt Disney Company got me the job at the museum, which led to my job at the charitable foundation.

Unfortunately, this still left me without a full-time job.

I persevered and enrolled in the public relations post-graduate program at Humber College, renowned for its reputation and connections in the PR industry. I also adopted an online image, learned the importance of crafting my personal brand, and began to connect with online influencers.

After attending Humber, I realized schools should place greater importance on helping students craft their own brand, developing a unique voice online. Connecting on LinkedIn, engaging on Twitter and blogging about relevant content provides students an opportunity to get their name out there, and increases their chances at gaining employment.

My advice for fellow students and recent grads is to start creating your own brand. Upload a visual resumé on SlideShare, create an About.me profile or launch your own website if you're feeling ambitious.

With the right tools, launching your personal brand will get you noticed among other job applicants. Leverage the power of storytelling and reap the benefits.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Chris' experience:

- Leverage skills from past work experiences when searching for new opportunities.
- Take advantage of social media platforms, including Twitter and LinkedIn, to build your online personal brand. In doing so, you can share your story with the online community, build a following that values your content and get noticed by employers.
- Show your passion for the industry you want to work in by blogging on relevant or newsworthy topics.

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Go on a world tour with tabbouleh

This refreshing Middle Eastern salad allows for different combinations of whole grains, herbs and vegetables

When in doubt, add whole grains. Or even better, start with them.

When you're assembling your salads for this year's summer gatherings, consider this trio of naturally healthy tabboulehs.

Tabbouleh is a Middle Eastern salad of bulgur wheat, parsley and tomatoes flavoured with mint, scallions, lemon juice and olive oil. Composed primarily of whole grains and vegetables, this dish is low in calories and high in fibre and protein.

Using different combinations of whole grains, herbs and vegetables, you also can create similarly nutritious and delicious tabbouleh-like salads.

Being a cold salad, with no mayonnaise, this dish is perfect for a barbecue or picnic.

Consider serving them in lettuce cups, with pita chips to scoop with or spooned into a pita pocket.

You also could make it a meal by incorporating some diced or shredded chicken breast and serving it over a bed of greens.

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▶ Tabbouleh can be served with pita chips, scooped into a pita pocket or in a lettuce cup.

California Tabbouleh

Preparation:

1. In a medium bowl, toss apple with vinegar. Add remaining ingredients, then toss well. Season with dash of salt and black pepper.

Nutrition info per serving: 290 calories, 90 calories from fat (30 per cent of total calories); 10 g fat; 5 mg cholesterol; 45 g carbohydrates; 7 g proteins; 6 g fibre; 160 mg sodium

Ingredients:

- 1 Granny Smith apple, diced
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 500 ml (2 cups) cooked and cooled brown rice
- 1 small fennel bulb, cubed
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped fresh parsley
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh thyme
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh chives
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) crumbled blue cheese
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) toasted sliced almonds
- Salt and black pepper

Tropical Tabbouleh

Preparation:

1. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Toss well, then season with salt and pepper.

Nutrition info per serving: 200 calories, 70 calories from fat (33 per cent of total calories); 8 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 33 g carbohydrates; 3 g proteins; 5 g fibre; 10 mg sodium

Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) cooked and cooled pearl barley
- 250 ml (1 cup) firmly packed chopped fresh cilantro
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped fresh mint
- 3 scallions, sliced
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lime juice
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced mango
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) allspice
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Mediterranean Tabbouleh

Preparation:

1. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Toss well, then season with salt and pepper.

Nutrition info per serving: 210 calories, 40 calories from fat (18 per cent of total calories); 5 g fat; 10 mg cholesterol; 35 g carbohydrates; 9 g proteins; 6 g fibre; 210 mg sodium

Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) cooked and cooled farro
- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped fresh basil
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped fresh mint
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped red onion
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped oil-packed sun-dried tomato
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil from sun-dried tomatoes
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped black olives
- 1 yellow bell pepper, cored and diced
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) crumbled feta cheese
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

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Sinclair may not be cleared to play versus France

While the Canadian women's soccer team practised for one of its most important games ever, captain Christine Sinclair was alone pedalling a bicycle furiously around an adjacent field.

Sinclair may not be cleared to play tomorrow against France, a match the Canadians can't afford to lose if they're to advance at the FIFA Women's World Cup — and there's little the 28-year-old can do about it except hope.

"Obviously it could potentially be the biggest game of all of our careers in a couple of days, but we've got great doctors here who will hopefully get me ready," Sinclair said yesterday, through a swollen nose and bruised eyelids. "Obviously it's a time crunch in a tournament like this. But it's a 24-hour thing where we're trying to take care of it as best we can, make it heal it as quickly as possible.

"I don't know if you can stimulate bone growth," she added with a half-hearted laugh.

Sinclair had her nose broken during Canada's opening 2-1 loss to Germany, but convinced the team doctors to let her play on, scoring Canada's lone goal on a beautiful free kick.

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▶ Doug Gilmour was voted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Chip off the old block

Gordie Howe's son Mark called to Hockey Hall of Fame ◐ Belfour, third-winningest goalie in NHL, lone 2011 inductee to get in on first ballot

Mark Howe didn't have to live up to the lofty standard set by his father Gordie in order to earn a spot alongside him in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The younger Howe played much of his career in the shadow of his famous father, but found out yesterday that it was worthy of hockey's highest honour. He'll be enshrined in the hall alongside Ed Belfour, Joe Nieuwendyk and Doug Gilmour on Nov. 14.

"To get the phone call today kind of took my breath away," said Howe. "I don't consider myself in the class of players as the Gordie Howes and the Wayne Gretzkys and the Bobby Orrs, but to be mentioned in a class (like this one) means the world to me."

Howe was just 18 when he began his pro career as a forward for Houston in the World Hockey Association. It was a chance for the most famous family in hockey — at the time — to all wear the same sweater.

Howe eventually moved on to the NHL when the Hartford Whalers were absorbed in 1979. Playing as a defenceman, he scored at least 15 goals on eight occasions and amassed 742 points over 16 NHL seasons.

The call from the hall was a long time coming for Howe, who had been eligible since 1998. Gilmour had been passed over every year since 2006, while Nieuwendyk missed out last June. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No Burns this year

- The 18-member selection committee decided not to elect someone in the builder's category for the first time since 1981.
- So it will be at least another year before former Maple Leafs coach Pat Burns is officially enshrined.
- There has been a strong push for the three-time Jack Adams Award winner, who died of cancer in November at age 58.

Dodgers owner wins reprieve in MLB court battle

The owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers won a reprieve in bankruptcy court yesterday to maintain day-to-day operations, while Major League Baseball considered seizing control of the cash-strapped ball club.

Dodgers owner Frank McCourt is squaring off in bankruptcy court against the league in a contentious battle over one of the most storied — and lucrative — franchises in baseball. The ownership fight is linked in part to McCourt's divorce from his wife, former team CEO Jamie McCourt, who is also claiming half his assets.

The Dodgers have blamed their bankruptcy filing on commissioner Bud Selig's refusal to approve a multibillion-dollar TV deal with Fox that McCourt was counting on to keep the franchise afloat.

McCourt gained approval from Judge Kevin Gross to enter into a $150-million US bankruptcy financing arrangement to keep the team running.

A person familiar with the league's plans told The Associated Press that MLB "probably" will file a motion to seize the Dodgers, who have been operating under the oversight of a monitor appointed by Selig in April. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the situation.

"The commissioner's financing proposal is nothing other than a thinly veiled effort to take total control over the debtors and these cases."

DODGERS ATTORNEYS IN COURT PAPERS

Earlier yesterday, the league filed an objection to the financing proposal, accusing McCourt of siphoning off more than $100 million in club revenue and driving the Dodgers into a liquidity crisis, while also citing his lavish lifestyle with his ex-wife.

The Dodgers' bankruptcy filing lists assets of up to $1 billion and debts up to $500 million.

Among the 40 largest unsecured claims, totalling about $75 million, are former Dodgers slugger Manny Ramirez at nearly $21 million; Andruw Jones at $11 million; pitcher Hiroki Kuroda at $4.4 million; and the Chicago White Sox, who share a spring training facility with the Dodgers in Arizona, at $3.5 million.

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"I'm going to learn my lesson from what I did at The Players and apply it this time and come back when I'm 100 per cent. I don't know when that's going to be."

TIGER WOODS, SAYING HE WILL NOT RETURN TO GOLF UNTIL HE IS FULLY HEALTHY.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	46	31	.597	—
Boston	45	33	.577	1½
Tampa Bay	45	35	.563	2½
Toronto	39	41	.488	8½
Baltimore	35	41	.461	10½

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	43	37	.538	—
Cleveland	41	36	.532	½
Chicago	38	41	.481	4½
Minnesota	33	45	.423	9
Kansas City	33	46	.418	9½

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	42	38	.525	—
Los Angeles	40	40	.500	2
Seattle	39	40	.494	2½
Oakland	35	44	.443	6½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's result
Detroit 4 Toronto 2

INTERLEAGUE

Last night's results
Pittsburgh 7 Toronto 6
Minnesota 6 L.A. Dodgers 4
N.Y. Mets 14 Detroit 3
N.Y. Yankees 12 Milwaukee 2
Philadelphia 5 Boston 0
Tampa Bay 4 Cincinnati 3
St. Louis 6 Baltimore 2
Texas 7 Houston 3
Chicago White Sox at Colorado
Cleveland at Arizona
Florida at Oakland
Kansas City at San Diego
Washington at L.A. Angels
Atlanta at Seattle
Monday's results
Atlanta 3 Seattle 1
Cincinnati 5 Tampa Bay 0
Cleveland 5 Arizona 4
L.A. Angels 4 Washington 3 (10 ings)
L.A. Dodgers 15 Minnesota 0
San Diego 4 Kansas City 3
Today's games
All Times Eastern
Cincinnati (Volquez 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Shields 8-4), 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (R.De La Rosa 3-2) at Minnesota (S.Baker 5-5), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Chen 4-1) at San Diego (Stauffer 3-5), 3:35 p.m.
Atlanta (D.Lowe 3-6) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 8-6), 3:40 p.m.
Cleveland (C.Carrasco 7-4) at Arizona (Duke 1-2), 3:40 p.m.
Boston (Lackey 5-6) at Philadelphia (Worley 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Marcum 7-2) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Capuano 6-7) at Detroit (Coke 1-7), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (C.Carpenter 2-7) at Baltimore (Jakubauskas 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 5-6) at L.A. Angels (Haren 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Maholm 4-8) at Toronto (Morrow 3-4), 7:07 p.m.
Texas (C.Lewis 6-7) at Houston (Myers 3-6), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 6-5) at Colorado (Jimenez 3-7), 8:40 p.m.
Florida (Nolasco 4-4) at Oakland (Moscoso 2-3), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	50	30	.625	—
Atlanta	45	35	.563	5
New York	40	39	.506	9½
Washington	40	39	.506	9½
Florida	34	44	.436	15

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	44	36	.550	—
St. Louis	42	38	.525	2
Pittsburgh	40	38	.513	3
Cincinnati	41	40	.506	3½
Chicago	32	48	.400	12
Houston	28	52	.350	16

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	46	34	.575	—
Arizona	43	37	.538	3
Colorado	38	40	.487	7
Los Angeles	36	45	.444	10½
San Diego	35	45	.438	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
San Francisco 13-6 Chicago Cubs 7-3
Monday's result
Chicago Cubs 7 Colorado 3
Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
San Francisco (Lincecum 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 5-6), 8:05 p.m.

PIRATES 7, BLUE JAYS 6

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Presley lf	5	1	2	3	YEscor ss	5	0	2	0
dArnad 3b	4	0	0	0	EThms rf	5	2	2	0
Walker 2b	5	0	1	1	Bautist 3b	3	1	1	3
AMcCt cf	5	1	1	1	Lind 1b	3	0	1	0
Overay 1b	4	1	1	0	JRiver lf	4	0	0	0
Diaz dh	4	1	3	1	RDavis cf	0	0	0	0
GJones rf	4	1	1	1	A.Hill 2b	4	0	0	0
Paul rf	0	0	0	0	CPttrsn cf-lf	4	1	1	1
Cedeno ss	3	2	2	0	Encrnc dh	4	2	2	2
McKnr c	4	0	1	0	Arencii c	2	0	0	0
Totals	**38**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**Totals**	**34**	**6**	**9**	**6**

Pittsburgh	002	400	100 —7
Toronto	001	201	200 —6

E—d'Arnaud (2), Arencibia (3). DP—Pittsburgh 3. LOB—Pittsburgh 6, Toronto 5. 2B—Y.Escobar (11). 3B—Diaz (1), E.Thames (2). HR—Presley (1), A.McCutchen (11), Bautista (24), C.Patterson (6), Encarnacion 2 (5). SB—d'Arnaud (1), G.Jones (4). CS—Cedeno (5).

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Correia W,10-6	6	5	4	4	1	3
Watson	0	2	2	2	0	0
Resop H,10	1-3	1	0	0	2	1
Veras H,16	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Hanrahan S,23-23	1	1	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
Jo-.Reyes L,3-7	3 2-3	9	6	6	1	5
L.Perez	3	2	1	1	0	4
Dotel	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Camp	1	1	0	0	1	0
Rauch	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—3:11. A—17,085 (49,260) at Toronto.

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Through June 25
1. Dario Franchitti, 303; 2. Will Power, 283; 3. Scott Dixon, 230; 4. Oriol Servia, 214; 5. Tony Kanaan, 211; 6. Ryan Briscoe, 193; 7. Graham Rahal, 191; 8. Marco Andretti, 184; 9. J.R. Hildebrand, 169; **10. Alex Tagliani, Lachenaie, Que., 161.**
Also — 15. James Hinchcliffe, Toronto, 142; 30. Paul Tracy, Toronto, 44.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON

At London
Yesterday's results
WOMEN
Singles
Quarter-finals
Victoria Azarenka (4), Belarus, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-3, 6-1.
Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (24), Slovakia, 6-1, 6-1.
Petra Kvitova (8), Czech Republic, def. Tsvetana Pironkova (32), Bulgaria, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-2.
Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Marion Bartoli (9), France, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-1
Doubles
Third Round
Liezel Huber and Lisa Raymond (3), U.S., def. Angelique Kerber, Germany, and Christina McHale, U.S., 6-1, 6-0.
Sania Mirza, India, and Elena Vesnina (4), Russia, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Agnieszka Radwanska (13), Poland, 6-4, 6-3.
Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, def. Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Shahar Peer (14), Israel, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.
Nuria Llagostera Vives and Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, def. Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci, Italy, 7-5, 6-4.
MEN
Doubles
Second Round
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner (5), Germany, lead Scott Lipsky and Rajeev Ram, U.S., 6-4, 1-2 (susp., rain).
Third Round
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., tied with Simon Aspelin, Sweden, and Paul Hanley, Australia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 3-3 (susp., rain).
Michael Llodra, France, and Nenad Zimonjic (6), Serbia, lead Carsten Ball, Australia, and Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, 6-4, 6-6 (10-9) (susp., rain).
Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins, Britain, def. Ashley Fisher and Stephen Huss, Australia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
James Cerretani, U.S., and Philipp Marx, Germany, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah, Colombia, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4.
Quarter-finals
Arnaud Clement, France, and Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, lead Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (8), Romania, 6-3 (susp., rain).
MIXED DOUBLES
Second Round
Martin Damm and Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, def. Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, and Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-3.
INVITATIONAL DOUBLES
Round Robin
Gentlemen Group A
Donald Johnson and Jared Palmer, U.S., lead Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, and Richard Krajicek, Netherlands, 3-2 (susp., rain).
Senior Gentlemen — Group B
Jeremy Bates, Britain, and Anders Jarryd, Sweden, def. Vijay Amritraj, India, and John Fitzgerald (2), Australia, 6-2, 6-2.
Ladies — Group B
Magdalena Maleeva, Bulgaria, and Barbara Schett, Austria, def. Tracy Austin and Kathy Rinaldi (2), U.S., 6-3, 6-4.
JUNIOR GIRLS
Singles
Second Round
Eugenie Bouchard (5), Westmount, Que., leads Barbara Haas, Austria, 6-0, 1-0 (susp., rain).

CFL

2010 FINAL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
yc-Montreal	18	12	6	0	521	475	24
x-Hamilton	18	9	9	0	481	450	18
x-Toronto	18	9	9	0	373	442	18
Winnipeg	18	4	14	0	464	485	8

WEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Calgary	18	13	5	0	626	459	26
x-Saskatchewan	18	10	8	0	497	488	20
x-B.C.	18	8	10	0	466	466	16
Edmonton	18	7	11	0	382	545	14

x — clinched playoff berth.
y — clinched division title.
c — won Grey Cup

PLAYOFFS
Division Semifinals
East — Toronto 16 Hamilton 13
West — Saskatchewan 41 B.C. 38
Division Finals
East — Montreal 48 Toronto 17
West — Saskatchewan 20 Calgary 16
98th Grey Cup
At Edmonton
Montreal 21 Saskatchewan 18

2011 REGULAR SEASON

WEEK ONE

All Times Eastern
Tomorrow's game
B.C. at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Winnipeg at Hamilton, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 7 p.m.

GOLF

CN CANADIAN WOMEN'S TOUR

At Acton, Ont.
Leading scores yesterday from the opening round of the CN Canadian Women's Tour final event, played at the 6,190-yard, par-72 Blue Springs Golf Club (a-denotes amateur):

Jessica Shepley	**34-35—69**
Beth Bader	35-35—70
Sue Kim	**35-36—71**
Kirby Dreher	**36-35—71**
Noriko Nakazaki	37-35—72
Stacey Bieber	**34-38—72**
Anna Scott	34-38—72
Susan Choi	36-36—72
a-Brittany Marchand	**37-36—73**
Lisa Meldrum	**39-34—73**
Jessica Carafiello	36-37—73
a-Jessica Wallace	**39-34—73**
Jenna Pearson	36-37—73
a-Jacqueline Yanch	**35-38—73**
Alexa Kim	**36-37—73**
Bryana Gregory	37-36—73
Alena Sharp	**38-36—74**
a-Rebecca Lee-Bentham	**40-34—74**
Lisa Ferrero	35-39—74
Lindsey Bergeon	37-37—74
Ashley Sholer	**36-38—74**
Laura Bavaird	39-35—74
Samantha Richdale	**39-35—74**
Tara Goedeken	35-39—74
Candace Schepperle	37-38—75
Danielle Mills	**37-38—75**
Seema Sadekar	**38-37—75**
a-Christine Wong	**37-38—75**
a-Jennifer Kirby	**37-38—75**
Katy McNicoll	38-37—75
a-Natalie Gleadall	**36-39—75**
a-Lauren Mielbrecht	36-39—75
a-Erica Rivard	**35-40—75**

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	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Philadelphia	16	7	4	5	19	14	26
Columbus	16	6	4	6	20	17	24
New York	17	5	3	9	27	21	24
Houston	17	4	6	7	21	22	19
D.C. United	15	4	5	6	21	27	18
Kansas City	15	4	6	5	19	21	17
Chicago	17	2	4	11	18	21	17
New England	17	3	8	6	13	21	15
Toronto	18	2	7	9	16	29	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	19	9	2	8	25	15	35
Dallas	17	9	4	4	24	17	31
Seattle	18	8	4	6	23	16	30
Real Salt Lake	15	7	3	5	18	9	26
Colorado	17	5	5	7	19	21	22
San Jose	15	5	5	5	20	17	20
Portland	15	5	7	3	18	26	18
Chivas USA	16	4	7	5	20	21	17
Vancouver	16	2	7	7	16	22	13

Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
Vancouver at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Chivas USA, 10 p.m.
New York at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Portland, 11 p.m.
Sunday's game
Houston at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Monday, July 4
New England at Real Salt Lake, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	13	11	1	1	31	11	34
Edmonton	13	7	4	2	17	14	23
Puerto Rico	12	5	4	3	18	19	18
Minnesota	13	4	3	6	16	14	18
Fort Lauderdale	12	3	2	7	16	14	16
Tampa Bay	12	3	5	4	12	18	13
Montreal	12	2	7	3	11	13	9
Atlanta	13	1	10	2	9	27	5

Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Puerto Rico at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Fort Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Monday, July 4
Puerto Rico at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Fort Lauderdale at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Germany	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
France	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Canada	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Nigeria	1	0	1	0	0	1	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Japan	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
England	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Mexico	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
New Zealand	1	0	1	0	1	2	0

GROUP C

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
U.S.	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Sweden	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Colombia	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
North Korea	1	0	1	0	0	2	0

GROUP D

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Yesterday's results
At Leverkusen, Germany
Sweden 1 Colombia 0
At Dresden, Germany
U.S. 2 North Korea 0
Monday's results
At Bochum, Germany
Japan 2 New Zealand 1
At Wolfsburg, Germany
Mexico 1 England 1
Today's games
All Times Eastern
At Moenchengladbach, Germany
Brazil vs. Australia, 12:15 p.m.
Norway vs. Equatorial Guinea, 12:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
At Bochum, Germany
Canada vs. France, 12 noon
At Frankfurt
Germany vs. Nigeria, 2:45 p.m.
Friday's games
At Leverkusen, Germany
Japan vs. Mexico, 9 a.m.
At Dresden, Germany
New Zealand vs. England, 12:15 p.m.
Saturday's games
At Augsburg, Germany
North Korea vs. Sweden, 8 a.m.
At Sinsheim, Germany
U.S. vs. Colombia, 12 noon
Sunday's games
At Wolfsburg, Germany
Australia vs. Equatorial Guinea, 8 a.m.
Brazil vs. Norway, 12:15 p.m.

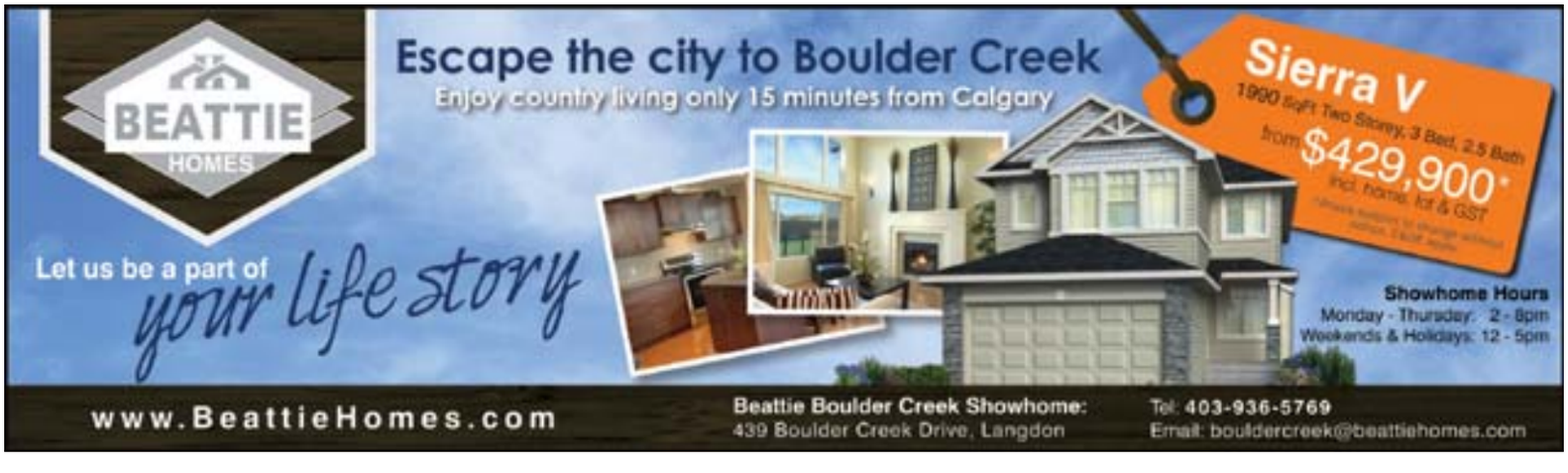
FIFA MEN'S UNDER-17 WORLD CUP

GROUP STAGE

Monday's result
At Queretaro, Mexico
Australia 1 Denmark 1 (comp. of susp. match)
End of Round Robin

SECOND ROUND

ROUND OF 16
Today's games
All Times Eastern
At Torreon, Mexico
Uzbekistan vs. Australia, 4 p.m.
At Guadalajara, Mexico
Brazil vs. Ecuador, 4 p.m.
At Morelia, Mexico
Congo vs. Uruguay, 7 p.m.
At Monterrey, Mexico
Japan vs. New Zealand, 7 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
At Queretaro, Mexico
Germany vs. U.S., 4 p.m.
At Pachuca, Mexico
England vs. Argentina, 4 p.m.
At Queretaro, Mexico
France vs. Ivory Coast, 7 p.m.
At Pachuca, Mexico
Mexico vs. Panama, 7 p.m.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Engine

The Versa will bring fuel economy to the forefront with a brand new 109-horsepower 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine. The powerplant replaces both the previous 107-horsepower 1.6, as well as the 122-horsepower 1.8-litre I4.

A five-speed manual gearbox carries over as before, while a continuously variable transmission (CVT) replaces the antiquated four-speed automatic that was offered on the previous 1.6- and 1.8-litre Versa.

Nice price

Nissan likes to brag about the Versa S base price that will likely be about $14,000 (including destination charges). That would make it one of the least expensive cars on the road.

Even the tiny Smart for two model lists at more than $500 above the Versa. The S offers just the basics, other than an adjustable steering wheel, however you'll have to use window cranks for raising and lowering the side glass and to unlock the front doors you're stuck with a key.

Trunk space

There's now slightly increased trunk space, giving the Versa the edge over the next-size-up Sentra in the stowage department.

The new Versa's all-new platform weighs about 70 kilograms less than the previous architecture. That should drop the overall weight below the 1,140-kilogram threshold, although the automaker hasn't yet divulged the final number.

▶ New architecture that's lighter, a new engine and transmission and improved fuel economy, all for an estimated starting price in the $14,000 range, including destination charges.

Versa offers big space for a small price

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The versatile Versa has hit its stride as the kind of car that even big and tall folks can ride in without having to be bent, folded or pretzeled.

It's an approach that in the past five years has garnered a devoted following for Nissan's little runabout and should continue when the next-generation model makes its debut this summer.

Small cars are currently the hot ticket to ride, due mainly to ever-pricier trips to the fuel pump.

But just because the package is small doesn't mean your entourage/carpool compatriots have to endure tortuously cramped quarters. Small-car buyers these days have big expectations and automakers such as Nissan aim to deliver.

The all-new Versa sedan (a hatchback edition will likely arrive by the end of the year) maintains similar proportions to the 2011 model. That translates into nearly the same amount of passenger space including, Nissan claims, more rear legroom than a BMW 5-series or a Mercedes-Benz E-Class sedan.

Where price is the whole point, the Versa is easily one of the more sensible and practical automobiles you can buy, along with being the most accommodating for both a wide and tall variety of passengers.

5 drive

By comparison

Chevrolet Sonic
Base price: $15,000, est.
Upcoming Aveo replacement offers lots of power plus good fuel economy.

Ford Fiesta
Base price: $14,000
Good-looking sedan and hatch models feature Euro-style handling.

Hyundai Accent
Base price: $15,500, est.
2012 sedan and hatch feature 138-hp I4 plus impressive fuel economy.

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Talk about stealing the spotlight

Forget human actors for a minute
Movie expert Richard Crouse takes a look at famous movie cars

HANDOUT

▶ Who can forget Bumblebee, the Autobot who transforms into the signature yellow Chevy Camaro.

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Tonight, when Transformers: Dark of the Moon opens on screens everywhere, it will be the first in the series without starlet Megan Fox, but what it may lack in sex appeal it makes up for in steel appeal with the introduction of new car characters.

The continuing story of the war between the heroic Autobots and the evil Decepticons — two armies of alien robots who disguise themselves on earth by transforming into vehicles — will be enhanced by Autobot Mirage, a cherry red Ferrari 458 Italia and Brains, a blue Mercedes-Benz W212 Autobot inventor, whose design was modeled on Albert Einstein.

The new characters, along with some returning but souped up cars — Autobot Sideswipe, the Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, is now a convertible, while Autobot leader Optimus Prime is still a Peterbilt 379 truck, but now has a trailer which allows a third mode of transformation — join the long list of movie cars that have stolen the spotlight from their human co-stars.

One of the most well-loved cinematic scene stealers is The Love Bug's Herbie, a 1963 deluxe ragtop sedan Volkswagen Beetle.

Disney originally looked at Toyotas and Volvos but when casting agents noticed how the crew responded to the Volkswagen, they realized it was the car for the job.

Crew members brusquely kicked the tires and grabbed the steering wheels of the other cars, but when they approached the Beetle, they gently caressed its pearl white paint job.

Back to the Future featured a wide range of cars, like a 1984 Jeep Cherokee Chief but it's the 1981 DeLorean everyone remembers.

The Robert Zemeckis production scooped up six of the existing 8,543 gull-winged cars, modifying three of them into operational autos for filming, while using the other three for spare parts.

Chases are an exciting way to showcase cars in movies.

Probably the most famous chase sequence sees Steve McQueen's 1968 Ford Mustang GT 390 CID Fastback pursuing two hitmen in a 1968 Dodge Charger R/T 440 Magnum through San Francisco in Bullitt.

The 10 minute and 53 second scene took three weeks to shoot and both cars hit speeds of 177 km/h on surface streets.

A little more exotic, but almost as memorable is The Pink Panther's 1960 Autobianchi Bianchina Cabriolet, Ferrari 250 GT chase. The beautiful pink convertible is eye catching enough on its own, but even more so when driven by an actor in a gorilla suit!

HANDOUT

▶ Optimus Prime, who transforms into a Peterbilt 379 truck, will feature some slight advancements in Transformers: Dark of the Moon, which opens tonight.

Review

▶ Check out Richard Crouse's review of Transformers: Dark of the Moon in today's Scene section.

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▶ OK, maybe we're wrong. Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, who replaces Megan Fox as the leading lady in the latest Transformers instalment, deserves some of her own spotlight.

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Style collides with size

Small cars are the new status symbols for the intelligent Get used to it

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Small cars used to be something buyers settled for, sometimes because they couldn't afford anything better, or they didn't want to spend the extra money on the gas it took to keep larger cars running — gas that's at least $1.25 a litre in many parts of Canada.

If there's an upside to being held hostage by oil speculators, it's that automakers across the globe have de-stigmatized small-car ownership.

No longer are small cars cramped penalty boxes with limited amenities, coarse powerplants and an overall feel of underachievement.

In fact, small cars are hot now, status symbols for the intelligent instead of the frugal. Here are some of the freshest wheels in sensible sizes.

2012 Hyundai Accent

No automaker has come as far as fast in recent years as Hyundai, which knocked it out of the park with the midsize 2011 Elantra and promises to do likewise with the 2012 Accent compact, which goes on sale in North America this summer.

The Elantra comes with a 138-horsepower, 1.6-litre engine that delivers the same impressive fuel economy, whether equipped with a manual or automatic transmission.

From a styling standpoint, the Accent closely mimics the popular Elantra on the exterior, while the interior is no longer something straight out of econobox hell. This car has "hit" written all over it.

2012 Ford Focus

Already on sale, the Focus is a true world car for Ford. What the Focus has going for it is impressive. Handling is best in class and there are sedan and hatchback models. There are also four trim levels, from the frugal S to the pimped-out — for a small car, anyway — Titanium. The higher-line models are available with the gee-whiz Sync system, MyFord and MyFord Touch electronic function controls for communication and climate control.

Depending on the various packages chosen, fuel economy tops 5.5 l/100 km on the highway and about 7.5 in the city. As a package, the Focus is one of the most complete and comfortable vehicles on the market.

2012 Honda Civic

Leaving no stone unturned in pursuit of the small-car buyers, Honda's newly released 2012 Civic comes in numerous trim levels and power options. These range from the basic Civic four-door sedan to the highly revised Civic Hybrid, offering economy of 4.4/4.2 l/100 km (city/highway).

It now has greater electrical capacity thanks to a new-generation lithium-ion battery while the gasoline engine is also more powerful.

Base prices for this Gold Star compact begin the $16,400 rage, which is about the same as before, despite plenty of upgrades and the redesign.

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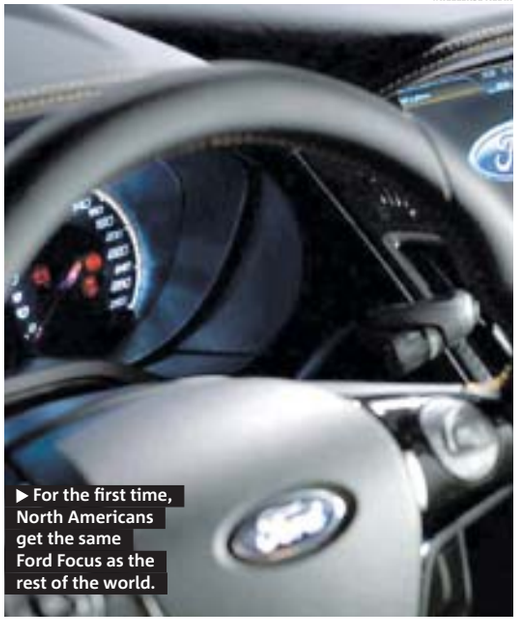

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▶ The Hyundai Accent's interior follows a familiar Hyundai theme with swooping dash lines and silver plastic adding detail to the steering wheel and console.

Top Gear

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1 With everyone looking at your big, bold new wheels, they're also bringing attention to the unsightly brake calipers that are covered in an indelible brake-dust-and-fluid grime. Luckily, MGP's Caliper Covers, for about $200 a set, are available to hide the embarrassment. You can view several installation videos at calipercovers.com and check out the supported-vehicles list.

2 Carbon fibre has become the standard symbol of high performance as it's used by elite automakers to increase the strength of their vehicles while reducing weight. Its woven look is instantly recognizable and many companies provide products with the look of carbon fibre without the cost, purely for aesthetic reasons. cowlesproducts.com.

3 The Top Gear gang likes to save a little work and a lot of aggravation by spraying tire protectant on a special sponge and then applying to the tire. This keeps the protectant off the wheels and out from between the spokes where it's not only tough to remove, but also seems to attract even more dirt and grime. Another way to save work is to mask off the wheels with a special Rim Shield that looks exactly like, well, a shield, actually. Made of lightweight ABS plastic, the Rim Shield goes for about $20 plus shipping from rimshield.com.

4 When finding a classic car to rebuild, trim pieces can take a lot of time and a lot of budget to find and refurbish. A company fittingly called Trim Parts has a catalog with nearly 200 pages brimming of goodies to bring your ride up to 100 per cent, including the brand new "fish" emblem (see picture) for the relatively obscure 1968 Plymouth Barracuda. trimparts.com

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▶ Behold the 1972 Honda CB350F

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Though I have yearned to own a motorcycle ever since high school, only this spring did I actually consummate the intention.

I wasn't necessarily looking for a vintage mount. So when I found myself riding home with a certain 1972 Honda CB350F — a bike that was actually on my radar during my late 1970s high-school years — I was trying to not see the bike as a mid-life crisis kind of thing; like a time machine that might take me back to Funkytown.

I have no desire to go back to Funkytown.

Dr. Freud once noted that, "sometimes a cigar is just a cigar." So it stands to reason that, "sometimes a motorcycle is just a motorcycle."

It is also a fine motorcycle. When most everyone else was making shaky twin- and single-cylinder engines, Honda created a range of affordable motorcycles with super-smooth and powerful SOHC four-cylinder engines, first with the CB750 in 1969, then with the CB500 in 1971, and then with this CB350F in 1972.

Last month my wife, Diane, caught me sitting in a lawn chair just staring at the bike. I love the look of a well-designed engine.

I have to thank friend and fellow auto scribe, Dan Proudfoot, for offering the bike to me, and at a sympathetic price.

He enjoyed it and looked after it well, and I hope to do the same.

After I had the bike for a few weeks, Dan passed along a passage written by Honda's founder and chief engineer, Soichiro Honda.

If I read it right, Honda believed that design could not be too harmonized or balanced, because it would then lack personality — like a person too perfectly dressed is somewhat mannequin-like. He felt the only way to infuse design with necessary personality is to allow an imperfection to harmony exist — but then make that discord "beautiful."

"Disadvantage is, in a sense, a factor that leads to special character," said Honda.

Pundits of the day couldn't see why Honda even bothered to make a four-cylinder 350, when its two-cylinder CB350 was selling great, was almost as fast, and was priced almost $1,000 cheaper.

And the pundits turned out to be right.

The CB350F was never popular.

The consensus was that Soichiro Honda just wanted to prove that he could do what no one else could — engineer and mass-produce a small, four-cylinder motorcycle.

Or ... maybe he knew all too well that a complicated, heavy engine wasn't really right for a small motorcycle, but just wanted to see if he could make it kind of beautiful, and in that way, interesting.

Or… maybe it's just a motorcycle and I should just ride the damn thing.

Plenty of horses in Lincoln luxury sedan

Zephyr/MKZ offer average reliability and seem free of serious issues

SECOND GEAR

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Debuted in 2005, Lincoln's new-age entry-level model was called the Zephyr for a single year before being rebadged as the MKZ.

With available AWD and standard V6 power, this Fusion-based sedan was aimed at other entry-luxury machinery like the Hyundai Azera and Cadillac CTS.

For 2006, a 3.0-litre, 221-horsepower V6 was standard with an automatic six-speed transmission and front-wheel drive. The following year, engineers specified a larger 3.5-litre V6 with 263 horsepower. All wheel drive became an option, too.

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2006 to 2009 Lincoln Zephyr and MKZ
- **Vehicle type:** Luxury Sedan

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▶ 2006 Lincoln Zephyr

What Owners Like

Many owners report a quiet and very comfortable ride and plenty of performance. Styling, interior looks and interior appointments also tend to be highly rated. Praise for overall value and the THX audio system round out the package.

What Owners Dislike

Owners of earlier models tend to complain about cheaper than expected interior parts and the potential durability thereof.

A large turning circle, wind noise at speed, and blind spots were also fairly common gripes. Finally, some folks wished for more sporty and planted handling.

Common Issues

Inspect the MKZ's interior and exterior for signs of wear and tear. Some owners complain of "thin" sheetmetal that dents easily, as well as peeling or worn chrome trim on certain cosmetic parts.

Make double sure the air conditioning system works properly, and check for proper operation of all interior electronics and lights. Be sure the seat heaters and coolers (if equipped) work properly, too.

A Ford/Lincoln mechanic should check beneath the vehicle for signs of wear and fluid leakage as well.

Note that AWD-equipped models may suffer from leaky transfer cases.

If that's the case on the model you're considering, have the seller get the issue fixed before agreeing to purchase. An improper bolt in the power steering system could cause a fluid leak, too.

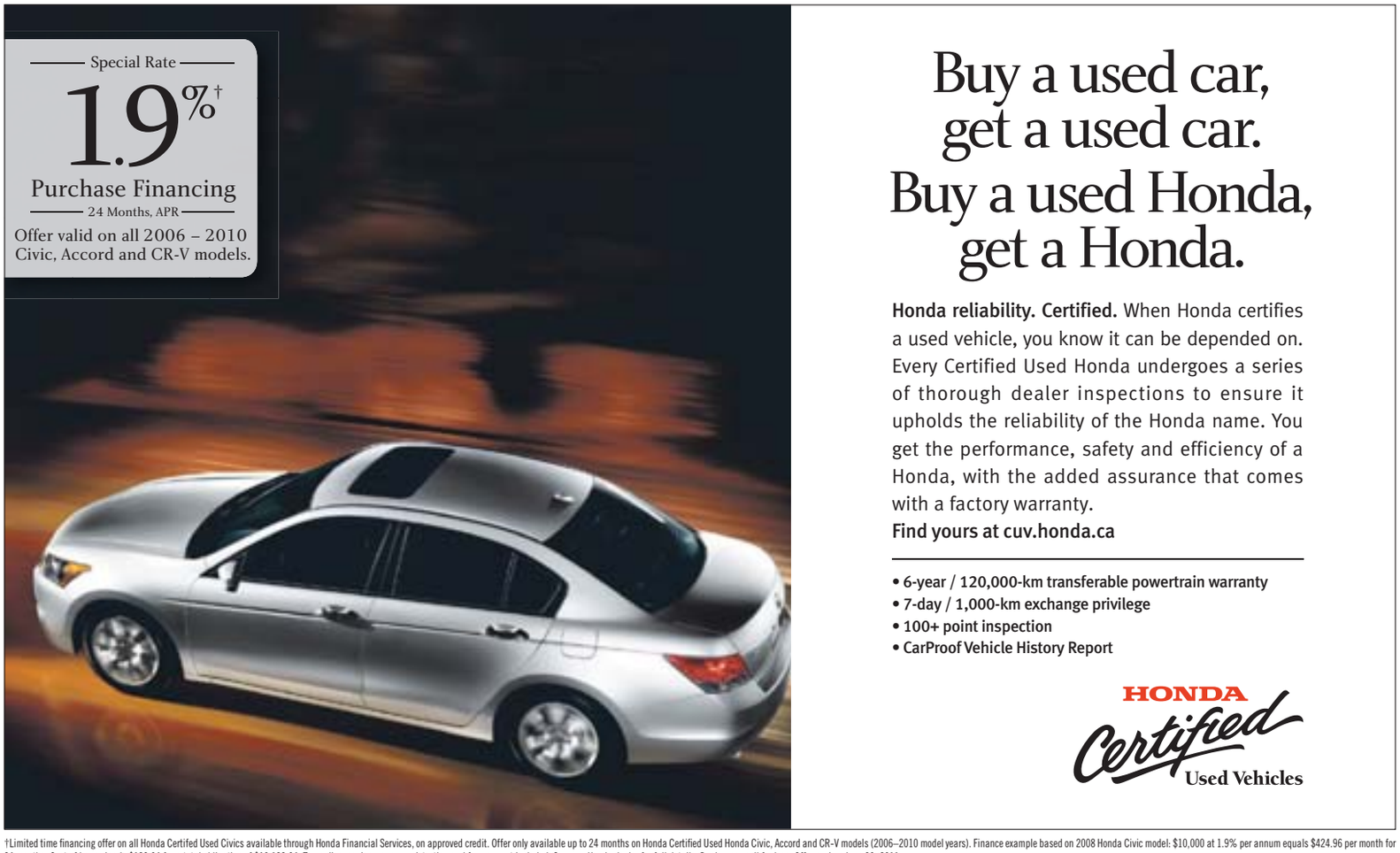
Finally, check the ceiling liner and footwell carpeting for signs of moisture that could be caused by a sunroof leak.

The Verdict

A Ford mechanic will be familiar with the common problems, service bulletins and recalls, as well as diagnosis and repair.

Ultimately, the MKZ's lower-than-average resale values, average reliability and higher-than-average feature content for the money will make it an attractive buy for many.

Check out Justin's video car reviews online at youtube.com/mr2pritch.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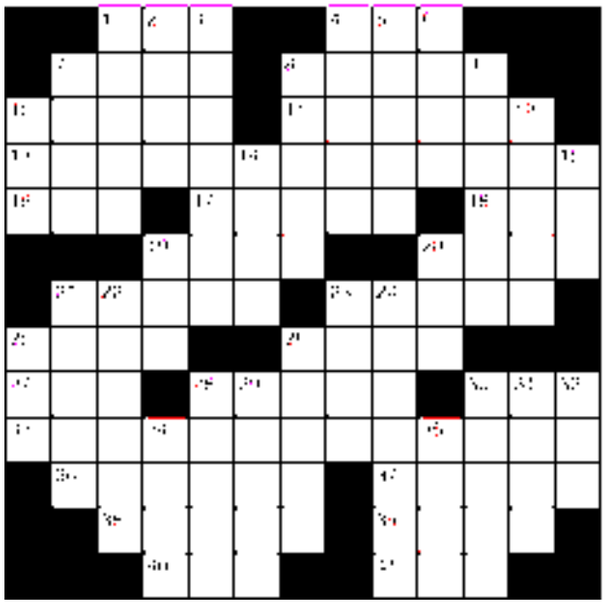
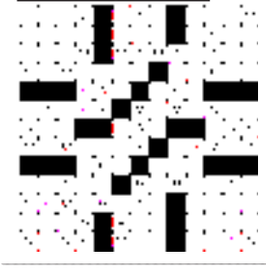


Across
1 Rotating part
4 Existed
7 Deep-sea predator
8 Move to one side
10 Adversary
11 The external world
13 News crew member
16 Work with
17 Judicial apparel
18 "— was saying, ..."
19 Sheepish comments
20 A long time
21 Choir's rendition
23 Cheney's successor
25 Salamander
26 Sell
27 Raw rocks
28 Irving Berlin's "Blue —"
30 Afternoon social
33 13-Across' offering
36 "A Streetcar Named Desire" role
37 Bracelet adornment
38 Short fishing line
39 Slight amounts
40 James Bond, e.g.
41 Pigpen

Down
1 Minotaur's home
2 Pinnacle
3 Pertaining to a city election
4 7-Across, e.g.
5 Jam ingredients?
6 A size too small, maybe
7 Individuals
8 Uppity sorts
9 Battlefield prioritization
10 Ostrich's cousin
12 Ruhr Valley city
14 Wander
15 "— the season ..."
19 Cudgel
20 Toss in
21 Shimon of Israel
22 Workout garb
23 Milwaukee product
24 Entomologist's subjects
25 Promptly
26 Spreading fast on YouTube
28 Drag (Var.)
29 "An American in Paris" star
30 Sycophant
31 Blunders
32 $ dispenser
34 Sawbucks
35 Terrific, in rapspeak

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

3	9						5	7
		4	6			9		
8			9		3			
9				7		6	1	
				4				
	3	8		1				5
			1		2			3
		5			4	1		
1	7						2	6

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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Fathertobe, Wish u were there every time the baby was to be born, to be by my side, to hold me, to share the first glimpse of our baby, to let me know i looked ok, to hold me. u never were - and that is YOU. i did it alone every time hope u can make it on time for this one. due date is aug13 as per yesterdays ultrasound. baby is growing beautiful just like us - your eyes, my heart **LMOLE**

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Someone dear to you feels rather left out. Aim to reassure him or her.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You need to socialize more with people who share your outlook on life.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Don't listen to those who say you are being too pushy because you are not being pushy enough.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The grass may look greener on the other side of the fence, but you must finish what you started before trying something new.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Get out and make sure everyone knows who you are and what you can do.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 It may not be true that everyone is out to get rich at your expense but you should act as if it is.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You will very soon reach a point where you have to slow down or risk collapse. Your health comes first — always.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Just because something sounds right, does not make it right. Be skeptical even if it grabs your attention.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Focus on what you are good at and don't be tempted to do things merely to impress other people.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You'll be overwhelmed by the number of people who want your help.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Make sure you get plenty of rest — your brain needs it as much as your body. If you don't, you'll regret it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Think before acting then think again just to be on the safe side.

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